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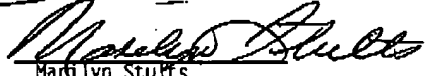
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Hitoshi HASHIMOTO
Serial No. : 09/160,604
Filed : September 25, 1998
For : AUTO-FOCUSING APPARATUS
SELECTIVELY OPERABLE IN AN
ORDINARY MODE AND A HIGH
SPEED MODE
Art Unit : 2612
Examiner : Ngoc Yen T. Vu
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